

# THE MARBLE HILL PRESS.

TWENTY FIFTH YEAR.

DENTER is to have the first Chautauque assembly for this part of our great state, and the first ten days in August is the time. A big, interesting entertaining program has been prepared. Among the lecturers and speakers are many distinguished persons. Hon. Chas. E. Stokes of Kansas City and his excellent wife, who was Miss Carrie Lee Carter of Dexter, are the promoters. Reduced rates will be given by the railroads. This is a rare opportunity for the people of this part of the state, and all who can should take advantage of it.

**The Morton Case.**  
The fact that the bug at last and the people have discovered why the report of Messrs. Harmon and Jenden on the Santa Fe railroad case investigation was so rudely squelched by the administration at Washington.

The report showed conclusively that Paul Morton, in his capacity as a railroad official, violated the law and the injunction of the United States courts in granting rebates to the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, in which he was also a heavy stockholder.

The fact that his offense was not discovered until after he had become a member of the president's cabinet should not have protected him from the consequences of his act. The fact that the evidence was kept secret, and the investigation nullified by the direct intervention of President Roosevelt does not accord with the claim that the president plays no favorites in his enforcement of the law.

In this case it must be admitted that Secretary Morton was protected. It is true that his resignation from the cabinet followed later, but this only partially served the purpose.

The incident establishes the fact that President Roosevelt has in this instance failed to make good on one of the cardinal points of his political religion. When he discovered that Secretary Morton had been guilty of violating the law which the government was endeavoring to enforce, Mr. Morton should have received the same treatment that would have been accorded him had he not been a member of the president's cabinet. The people had a right to know the facts, and they should have been made public at the time.

If Secretary Morton's resignation was demanded as a result of his violation of the law, the reasons for such action should not have been retained as an executive secret. —Kansas City World.

**The Democracy of Death.**  
Here is a gem from the funeral oration delivered by John J. Ingalls, at the grave of a friend:

"In the democracy of death all men are at least equal. There is neither rank nor prerogative in the republic of the grave. At this final threshold the philosopher ceases to be wise, and the songs of the poet are silent. Dives relinquishes his millions and Lazarus his rags. The poor man is as rich as the richest, and the rich man is as poor as the poorest. The creditor loses his usury and the debtor is acquitted of his obligation. There the proud man surrenders his dignity, the politician his honors, the worldling his pleasures; the invalid needs no physician and the laborer rests from his unrequited toil. Here at least, is nature's final equity. The wrongs of time are redressed and justice is explained and the irony of fate is refuted; and the unequal distribution of honors, wealth, capacity, pleasure and opportunity, which makes life such an inexplicable tragedy, passes in the realm of death. The strongest there have no supremacy and the weakest needs no defense. The mighty captain succumbs to the invincible adversary, who disarms alike the victor and the vanquished."

**Minding His Own Business.**  
Perhaps we are approaching a point where it will be adjudged that the typical good business man who "minds his own business" has no business to have any to mind.

It has been pointed out often enough, for example, that British cities have honest and efficient local government largely because their ablest men of affairs freely give their time and talents to the business of the city. As they look at it, the business of the community in which they live is their business, so they are not blackmailed by boarders nor robbed by private gas monopolies.

The whole business of life insurance is suffering because a scandal has developed in one of the companies. Now that the house is afire the neighbor companies are taking the liveliest interest in the matter—an interest which becomes poignant as their own roofs begin to smoke. But it is doubtful if they would have favored the stricter supervision that might have prevented the scandal if the proposition had been made before the alarm sounded. Probably they would have preferred to mind their own business.

In a number of states the law imposes no restrictions whatever upon any gentlemen who may elect to call themselves a bank and invite deposits. Naturally, there are exceedingly scandalous bank failures from time to time. But it is not often that the real bankers especially exert themselves to secure such ample supervision as would drive out the

fakes. There are some tinder-houses in their block, but they can't see that it is particularly their business to get them out.

On the whole, the American business system has been intensive—not to use the impolite word selfish. It can show magnificent results. But it is a commonplace of philosophy that the best system grows vicious with too long life. —Saturday Evening Post.

## SUNDAY CLOSING.

Governor Folk seems to be determined to have the police commissioners in the large cities enforce the Sunday closing laws, and in this the governor has the backing of every good and law-abiding citizen in the state.

The saloonkeepers in the cities have no more right to open their saloons and sell intoxicants on Sunday than those in the country towns and they should be made to comply with the law or be run out of business. The old cry of "personal liberty and blue laws" that we hear of and see in some of the "wide open" papers, has become a threadbare and is enough to make all sober people tired.

Some of the wide open fellows in the cities say the democratic party will be defeated in the state by 100,000 majority at the next election because Gov. Folk has instructed his appointees to enforce the Sunday closing laws. If the democratic party is to exist by the non-enforcement of the state's laws, then it makes no difference if it does go out of business.

The democratic party made our Sunday laws and the democratic party, to be honest with itself, should see that the laws are enforced or repealed.

The desecration of the Sabbath as now carried on in many places is alarming, and looks no good to the future of our country, and so say Governor Folk should and will have the support of every good citizen in his effort to enforce these laws. Let the "wide openers" make an issue of Sunday closing in the next campaign, if they will, and then they will see how the country people feel about it.

There is not a decent, law-abiding citizen in the state that would make a campaign for a "wide open" state on an issue favoring a state Sunday. If there was one he would be buried under an avalanche of obloquies. We are for a decent Sabbath first, last and all the time. —Huntsville Herald.

## From State Supt. Carrington.

The amount of state school moneys to be apportioned in July will be about \$50,000 more than last year. The per capita will be about \$1.35 this year.

It is encouraging to note that most cities, towns and school districts are employing teachers at increased salaries.

Kentucky is agitating the question of establishing a system of state normal schools. State Superintendent Carrington recently attended the Kentucky State Teachers' Association and explained to them the Missouri system than which he thinks there is none better.

The state department of education will shortly revise the state course of study. The old course was based on the adopted books. Since there will not be state uniformity of text books, the course of study will be arranged so as to adjust itself to any good texts.

In the recent examinations held by the state superintendent, 55 different persons wrote. There were 269 papers. About half of these were graded above passing. As a result, eleven certificates were issued. Many did not attempt to finish the examination.

We may expect much larger attendance on the high schools the coming year. The number of pupils graduating from the grades is fifty per cent larger than last year. The best test of the efficiency of any school is the percentage of its graduates entering schools of higher grade.

The state institutions are maintaining summer schools for teachers as usual this year. They are fuller than ever. There are nearly 600 at Warrensburg 400 at Kirksville, 250 at Cape Girardeau and 300 at Columbia. All approved schools have large attendance also.

It is a good suggestion that the commissions recently appointed to locate the two new normal schools make as one of the conditions of locating a requirement that the public schools of the places be offered for model training school purposes. The towns or cities securing the location should pledge the state to maintain the public schools on a model basis for these purposes.

There have been quite a few changes in the superintendencies of some of the smaller city schools in other business. As a rule, the schools will not suffer thereby, for many very able young men are appointed to positions of greater usefulness and responsibility. They will be equal to the situations and conditions will in nearly every instance be better.

## Silk Culture in Bollinger County.

Rev. John Rothensteiner Tells the Federicktown Democrat-News Interestingly of This New Enterprise in Our County.

EDT. DEMOCRAT-NEWS.—During my visit to Leopold, Bollinger county last week, I had the pleasure of witnessing the introduction of a new and very important industry into our state, namely that of silkworm culture.

The United States department of agriculture sends out to responsible persons, free of cost, the eggs of the silkworm, which were originally obtained from China or Japan. These eggs are about the size of a mustard seed, but under favorable conditions of warm and dry weather, they quickly develop into large caterpillars, the so-called silkworm. It is about three inches in length and has a bare, white body. The silkworm is very tender and must be kept under roof, as the least moisture is fatal. Its food consists of mulberry leaves. The grown worms are kept on large open trays, arranged like the drawers in your type case, one above another, almost up to the ceiling. On these trays the leaves are spread four times every day. The silkworm is a voracious eater. The large room where they are kept in Leopold, was filled with the subdued noise of many busy mouths. Like every other caterpillar, the silkworm spins a cocoon, wherein it is to be changed into a butterfly. When this time arrives for the silkworm, its month closes up. It becomes restless, seeking a retired place for its short period of transformation. And now it begins to spin its silk cocoon. There are two small openings in the head of the worm, from which two fine silk threads are drawn, together with a gelatinous substance to bind the threads together. Slowly the worm envelops itself in its grave clothes and shrivels up. It is not dead however, but undergoing a change. In a short time it would break its ligaments, and issue forth as a white butterfly. In order to save the silk thread from being broken, the cocoon is placed in steaming water; thus the chrysalis is killed, and the gelatinous binding the threads together is loosened, and the silk can be wound on spindles, and spun into the silk of commerce.

Doubtless the original home of silk culture is China. The earliest mention of silk in authentic history occurs in Genesis 11, 42. Speaking of Pharaoh and Joseph, the holy writer says: "And he put upon him a robe of silk." See also Esther 8:15 and Ezekiel 27, 16. The silkworm was introduced into Europe during the reign of Justinian A. D. 550. The early Catholic missionaries sustained the greatest dangers and difficulties in bringing the first silk worms to Europe. The Chinese government had forbidden the exportation of eggs and cocoons under pain of death. The southern countries of Europe have long been noted for their beautiful fabrics. King James I. of England, sought to establish silk worm culture in Virginia but failed.

A small, but promising beginning has been made in Bollinger county. The manager of the enterprise is Dr. Melchers of Leopold. A number of Leopold's best citizens are taking an active interest in the scheme. We can but hope they will be successful in establishing a great and profitable industry among us. There is no reason why the silkworm should not thrive in Southeast Missouri. We have mulberry trees in abundance. Our climate is well adapted, warm and dry; and willing hands are not wanting.

Bollinger county's experiment is certainly a most interesting one. Respectfully yours, J. E. R.

## More About the Silk Industry.

The department of agriculture of the United States send out a circular of information in regard to the work in silk culture. This circular gives a minute description of the life of the silk worm, that is, the manner by which they are hatched, how they are fed by mulberry or hedge-leaves, how spinning worms are prepared in which these worms spin and how the worm after spinning, metamorphoses into a chrysalis and then into a moth, which lays the egg.

The egg is very small. About 40,000 or 50,000 eggs weigh an ounce. They are hatched by exposing them to the air on a broad, flat tray covered with paper. As soon as the worms are hatched it must be fed on mulberry or hedge-

## GRAND 4TH OF JULY - - Clearing Sale of Millinery!

AT Mrs. H. M. Smith's, Marble Hill, Mo.

Ladies' extra fine hats, can't be beat any where at the price, \$3 value at this sale... \$2 and \$2.25  
Regular \$1 street hats, and worth every cent of it; at this sale... 50¢ and 60¢  
Regular \$1.25 street hats; don't judge the goods by the price, they're beauties and only... 75¢

Fine, hand-made pattern hats, regular \$4 value the real thing in style and beauty, only... \$3.00  
We have a very pretty line of girls' fancy lined hats, \$2 value at this sale... \$1.25

A large stock of children's white, blue and pink china silk hats go for... 40¢

All trimmed and untrimmed hats go at, and below cost. Many very pretty hats from which to make your selection.

The finest line of baby hoods ever brought to Marble Hill will go below actual COST during this sale.

Ribbons, all colors and widths; 20c ribbon for 10c; 15c ribbon for... 9c

This Sale is on now Big values  
CALL AND SEE THE GOODS

## Southeast News.

Joseph and Leslie Dooley, who participated in the Dooley-Harris level battle at a picnic at Doe Run August 4, 1900, were tried and acquitted at the recent term of Circuit court at Farmington.

Near Longboro, St. Francois county, Thomas Lester and daughter, Miss Lizzie, were killed by lightning and the other four members of the family were shocked and rendered unconscious for sometime, June 18.

Marion Chapel, a miner, was killed by a blast in a mine at Flat River June 17. He charged a hole and fired the fuse and retired for the explosion to take place, but it failed to discharge as soon as he thought it should and he returned to see about it, and as he neared the spot the charge exploded with the above result.

Dunklin Democrat.  
Dick Brett went to Mrs. McIntosh's, Wednesday evening, presumably to oust her from his premises. After some quarrelling, he slapped her face and knocked her down a time or two, whereupon her ten-year-old son shot him with a 22 target rifle. The ball passed through the left arm and entered the left side behind the heart. Death followed in about four and a half hours. The preliminary trial had not been held when the Democrat went to press, but public sympathy is said to be altogether with the boy, and it is thought he will not be held for trial. It seems that some years ago Brett killed a man for which he served a term in the penitentiary.

This is quite a sum and if kept at home means something to our people, in more ways than one. Every pound of cocoons is worth from 75 cents to \$1, and from 500 to 900 cocoons weigh a pound. And furthermore, if the silk is reeled and spun here its value is increased from 350 to 475 per cent. Thus it may be seen that an industry holding such an important place in the commerce of our country may, with effort and enterprise, become valuable to our people. The business will thrive here, for mulberry trees and hedges grow without any trouble.

Under the management of Dr. Fred Wm. Melchers, aided by the best citizens, it has been demonstrated that it can be made a paying industry in Bollinger county and it can be made a profitable industry for Southeast Missouri.

According to the government report Leopold produces as good silk as can be produced anywhere in the United States. Then let us be encouraged and encourage those whose enterprise and industry have established this new enterprise in our midst.

B. L. H.

**Interested.**  
A Fulton (Kan.) minister consolidated a bereaved husband as follows: "My brother, I know that you are compelled to mourn the loss of this one who was your companion and partner in life. But I would console you with the assurance that there is another who sympathizes with you and seeks to embrace you in the arms of unfailing love." To this the bereaved man replied by asking, as he gazed thru tears into the minister's face, "What's her name?"—Unique Monthly.

**Our Correspondents.**  
**Leopold.**  
Summer is with us right on schedule time.

The crops and all vegetation need rain at this writing.

(This was received Tuesday and since then copious rains have fallen.—Ed.)

Several parties are here from St. Louis visiting relatives and friends. The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seiler recently and left them a little girl.

Miss Anna Steimert, accompanied by Prof. B. L. Hotze, left here the first of this week for Arcadia to visit relatives and friends. From there they will extend their trip to St. Louis, and to the professor's home in Illinois.

I will close, for news is scarce, hoping all may have a glorious Fourth.

MIRANDA.

**Possom Creek.**  
News is rather scarce on our creek but every little helps so I'll give you what I have.

Our farmers are busy threshing wheat this week.

We were very glad to get the much needed rain which fell recently.

"Uncle" Jesse Hawn and wife visited at W. H. Lutes's Sunday.

Jonah Lutes, Avery Hawn and Misses Nora Hawn and Nellie Lutes attended children's day exercises at Palmore chapel the third Sunday.

Messrs. L. Lutes and Charles Bowers, who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. W. H. Lutes, returned to their homes at Carthage a few days ago.

Miss Eliza Hawn of Marble Hill

visited Miss Nellie Lutes Saturday and Sunday.

**Castor.**  
Here I come again.

Miss Anna Hovis returned home after a week's visit with her sister, who lives near Back Horn postoffice. Mrs. J. Q. Stevens of Glen Allen and Mrs. O. J. Snider of Fredericktown visited relatives here last week. J. A. Rhodes has completed his new barn and dedicated it with an ice cream supper.

A. T. Whitener contemplates erecting a dwelling house of concrete.

The farmers are very busy with their hay harvest.

Mrs. J. A. Rhodes is very sick with erysipelas.

Forrest Bollinger visited his uncle, J. Q. Stevens, near Glen Allen Sunday.

C. D. Whitener and family, A. T. Whitener and wife, and D. E. Bollinger and wife were the guests of Zach Rhodes Sunday.

A large crowd attended the ice cream supper at Dr. A. Keck's Saturday night. A good time is reported.

**Panther Creek.**  
Plenty of hot weather now.

We had a nice shower Sunday afternoon, which was a welcome visitor to all.

Revs. Yount and Jones conducted an interesting service at the Hahn schoolhouse Sunday.

Revs. Hendrick and Jones are going to preach at Fairview the first Sunday in July.

Mrs. Fanny Stone visited Mrs. Lizzie Hahn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kiser were the guests of Eli Hahn Sunday.

W. A. Propst is about to complete his big barn.

Dan Cole was busy with his oats harvest the first of the week.

Malta Hahn went to Kurzeville Sunday, where he expects to remain some time.

Just a few more days until the glorious Fourth, and of course, the most of us are preparing to celebrate.

Miss Bertha Propst has returned home from Millerville, where she spent several weeks.

Died.—At her home near Scopus June 22, "Aunt Sally" Bridges. She was in the neighborhood of 80 years old and had been ill about six weeks with something like paralysis. The bereaved family have the sympathies of all.

**Glen Allen.**  
Health is good with the exception of whooping cough.

Rev. Ed. Steval and wife of Marble Hill visited the family of J. M. Deck Saturday and Sunday and attended services at the Baptist church.

Mrs. Frank McDaniell of De Soto is visiting her mother, Mrs. Howard of this city.

Miss Norma Whitener attended the teachers' examination at Marble Hill Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. John W. Revelle of Lutesville visited the family of Samuel Rhodes Saturday and Sunday.

Wilbur Welker of Bessville visited his uncle, P. R. Welker here Thursday night.

Rev. Firth, a foreign missionary, made very interesting talks at the Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday.

Frank Fulkerson of Marble Hill passed thru our town Sunday.

Fred Whitener and family of Castor visited relatives here recently.

Levi Lincoln and wife spent Sunday with Caleb Rhodes's family.

The ladies of the Baptist church at Glen Allen will give an ice cream supper on the evening of July 1, in the grove near the church. Everybody is invited to attend.

Miss Delilah Zimmermann, after a visit with home folks near Glen Allen, returned to Fredericktown Saturday, where she has had employment for some time.

**Ladlin.**  
Weather warm; health good.

Our farmers have been busy cutting wheat.

Miss Laura Strong, who has been visiting relatives and friends at Oran several days, returned home last Tuesday.

Leon Clippard and Miss Pansy Pentur spent Sunday with Miss Pentur's sister, Mrs. Lizzie Barks.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely under the able management of W. H. Moore as superintendent.

Mrs. Martha Moore and daughter, Miss Flora, have been quite sick the past few days.

Mrs. W. M. Strong has been sick the past week but is reported better.

John Masters and wife, who have been visiting relatives in the country a few days, returned home Saturday.

Joseph Crader and Miss Laura

Strong visited Miss Stella Snider Sunday.

George E. Kinder and family visited relatives at Whitewater Sunday.

Monroe Williams visited his sister, Mrs. Hutson at Oran the first of the week.

David Snider and Robert Kinder had business at Whitewater Saturday.

George Snider visited Columbus Brown Thursday.

W. C. Hayes of De Soto has been here transacting business several days.

Mrs. Catherine Poston is sick at this writing.

All who are interested in the cemetery at Barks' chapel, should be present there Saturday, July 8, at which time the cemetery is to be cleaned up; the fencing looked after and probably the cemetery enlarged.

**Bessville.**  
Health is reasonably good in this vicinity.

Wheat in this vicinity is reported very light altho Sam Bess and J. M. Welker report very fair crops.

"Uncle Jack" Rhodes, who has been engaged in the hotel business at Marquand several years, has moved on his farm and will, I suppose, spend the remaining days of his life there. "Uncle Jack" is a highly respected citizen and we are all glad to have him with us again.

"Aunt" Mary Bowman has been in very poor health the past three or four months.

J. M. Sitzes is on the pony list. P. S. Hoffman is preparing to go into business at Bessville soon. He has the lumber cut and is ready to begin work on his storehouse.

I am very glad to report Miss Annie Whitener, who was thrown from a horse and her arm broken recently, is improving nicely.

I must congratulate Union church for having such a good Sunday school and such a large attendance. Oak Grove also has a very good Sunday school.

The young folks here who have been preparing to take the teachers' examination now sing "Our troubles all have ended," and they seem to be satisfied.

Miss Carrie Whitener, who has been attending school at Fredericktown several months, has returned home.

Prof. Wilbur Welker will begin his school here soon. He is an excellent teacher and we all expect an extra good school this winter.

Ester Sitzes, will go to St. Louis and enroll in a medical college soon. He is an excellent young man and we predict success for him. Y's.

**Scopus.**  
Not seeing anything in THE PRESS from this place in some time, I will send in a few items.

Health is very good at present. Wheat harvest is over and the farmers are busy working their corn. We had a nice rain and while it was not as much as was needed, it was very much appreciated. The corn crop looks promising and the oats crop is much better than was promised a month ago. Wheat is not very good.

At last we have a doctor in our little burg in the person of N. F. Chostner, and he is a full fledged M. D., and his presence is very much appreciated.

Mrs. J. L. Bridges, who had been

ill some time, departed this life June 22. Aunt Sally, as she was familiarly known, will be missed by all who knew her. She always had a kind word for everybody. She was laid to rest in the Cook cemetery on Friday in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The sympathies of the entire community are with the sorrowing family. Our loss is heavy gains.

S. E. Dewhitt and son, R. A., and A. J. Lincoln were at Marble Hill and Lutesville last Saturday.

Doctor Chostner reports a boy baby at Adam Welker's, a girl at F. M. Stevens's, and another at Charles Welker's. This does pretty well, Doc, to commence with; and the best of it is, mothers and babes are all doing well and the "dads" are all smiles.

You needn't be surprised to read something like this in your county paper. Lost.—In one of those mud-holes, on the Marble Hill and Perryville road, between Marble Hill and Scopus, a man, supposed to be the road overseer, when last seen he was almost under.

A. J. and H. J. Lincoln completed a large granary for J. P. Hartle last week.

H. B. Cole has fitted up an office over his large store-room for Doctor Chostner.

There will be a Sunday school convention at Nichols' chapel the fifth Sunday in July, program for which will be out in due time.

The church organizations interested in Cole's chapel have decided to repair and improve the house by putting up a bell steeple and painting it. This is a good move and all should lend a helping hand and push the work to completion.

OLD BUFFALO BILL.

**Dr. C. B. Chandler,**  
Physician and Surgeon,  
LAFOLIN, MISSOURI.

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**The New Bridge Is Open**

Cotton Belt Route trains now use the new bridge across the Mississippi River at Thebes, Ill., doing away with the ferry transfer and shortening schedules about an hour.

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